St John's College

Annual Matriculation Ceremony

St John's College
University of Manitoba

September 23, 2008

Candidates gather in the College Chapel, occupying pews as far forward as possible.

Processional
Please rise while the platform party enters the Chapel. College Fellows, Dons and Student Councilors take their places in the collegiate pews. Please be seated after the platform party members take their places.

Greetings *from the Chancellor*

The Vice-Chancellor's opening remarks
You will shortly be given the opportunity of admission to membership in the College of St John in the University of Manitoba.

St John's College is a community of learning, deeply rooted in the Red River, older than the Province of Manitoba or its University, older even than the Dominion of Canada. Before being admitted to its fellowship, you should be acquainted with some of the College's story, as well as the rights and obligations of membership.

Address
Dr. George Baldwin to the Candidates for Matriculation

The candidates for Matriculation stand after the address.

Matriculation
The Dean of Studies:
One purpose of St John's College is the promotion of community and of sound learning. The belief that these aims are profoundly linked shapes the College's activities. The conviction that learning is fostered by interaction outside, as well as inside, classrooms and libraries underlies much of what we do. Do you concur with these purposes, and undertake to do all in your power to further them?

Candidates:
We do.

Senior Stick:
Will you be considerate of your fellow members – students, staff, administration and fellows; will you respect the College buildings and property, and support the College's activities with your efforts and participation?

Candidates:
We will.

Vice-Chancellor:
The privileges of membership include access to the services of the College's administrative services, to College buildings, property and activities, and the right to contribute to determining the means and officers of College governance; all as permitted by Statues and By-laws. Will you avail yourself to these privileges wisely and in accordance with the purposes of College community?

Candidates:
We will.

Vice-Chancellor:
I admit you as members in good standing of St John's College, and invite you to sign the roll of membership.

New members come forward to sign the matriculation book in the center of the chapel.

Vice-Chancellor:
As you have heard, St John's College was founded in the Anglican tradition of the Christian faith. It is not assumed that all members share this tradition or this faith, but is expected that all members will respect them both. For those who wish to consider and explore Anglicanism in Christianity it is hoped that the College faith community may share in this journey. Further, it is hoped that all College members will find this a setting for honest enquiry and fulfilling discovery. May all of us be strengthened in our undertaking to uphold the purposes of St John's College, and to open ourselves to the benefits of membership in it.

Chaplain:
In keeping with these origins and hopes, I invite you to pray that all we do may be in keeping with the Creator's will for this community.

Creator of all, in whose light we shall see light; make your presence known to us in our lives together as seekers after life and truth; make your courage available to us who wish to do your will in what we learn. We ask these things in the Spirit of your presence with us.

All:
Amen.

Chaplain:
Our community has been made rich by your membership and participation. We are rich in tradition and diversity. Our tradition in chapel is to pray a certain way; yet we realize that others need to pray in other ways more familiar and comfortable to them. All members of our community are respected and dignified in our work together.

Gathering our prayers and praises, spoken and silent, let us pray,

All:
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing – *Chancellor*

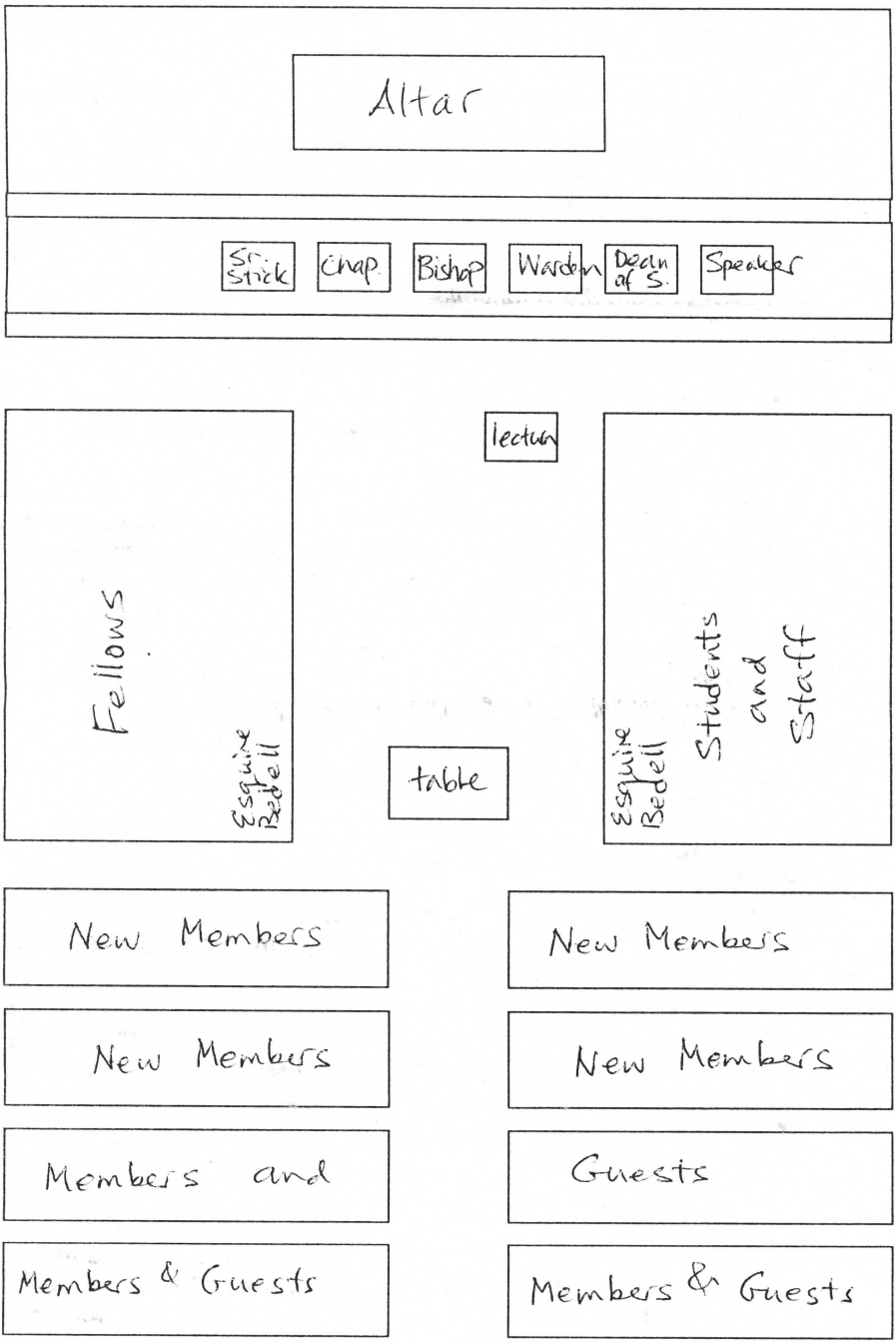
Closing remarks – *Chaplain*

Recessional
Please rise and remain in place until the platform party has exited the chapel. Please join in the procession as we make our way to the Cross Common Room for the reception.

Reception
Please join us in the Cross Common Room for a reception following the ceremony. Please return your academic gown.

The Ceremony Participants

The Rt. Rev. Donald Phillips	Bishop of Rupert's Land and Chancellor
Dr. Janet Hoskins	Warden and Vice-Chancellor
Dr. Bonnie Hallman	Dean of Studies
Dr. George Baldwin	Speaker, Retired Senior Fellow
The Rev. Paul Lampman	Chaplain and Dean of Residence
Dr. Rodney Clifton	Esquire Bedell, Senior Fellow
Dr Sandra Kouritzin	Esquire Bedell, Senior Fellow
Mr. Daniel Draper	Senior Stick, SJC Students' Association
Mr. Michael Cutler	Musician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